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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, April 9, 1908.

The Commanding General,
Department of California,
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This office is advised by the Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, that the officials of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., will be in a position to begin shipments of the Philippine coinage to the Philippines on the transports scheduled to sail from San Francisco on May 1st, and that it will be prepared to make further shipments by each transport for some time to come.

The coinage is to be shipped to San Francisco by express and it is understood that the shipment expected to reach San Francisco just prior to May 1st, will amount to approximately twenty-four tons of coin and that each subsequent month's shipment will amount to approximately thirty tons of coin.

Referring thereto, the Secretary of War directs that upon request of the General Superintendent of the Army Transport Service, who has been directed to accept delivery of these shipments either from the officials of the San Francisco Mint or from the Express Company, you issue the necessary instructions with a view to furnishing such guard as may be required for the proper protection of these funds in transit across San Francisco and prior to the sailing of the transport by which it may be desired to ship the coinage.

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Lieutenant Colonel, Artillery Corps,
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For
The Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs.

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